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- 1. Application for Patent Term Adjustment Under 37 CFR 1.705(b)
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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

David S. Soane, et al.

Application No.: 10/083,316

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Examiner: Jeffrey C. Mullis

Art Unit: 1711

APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM
ADJUSTMENT UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)

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Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the *Notice of Allowance* and *Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)* mailed January 4, 2005. The Patent Office has determined that the Patent Term Adjustment to day is <u>197</u> days. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b), the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the patent term adjustment.

### Statement Of Facts - 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(2)

(i) Correct Patent Term Adjustment and Basis Under 37 C.F.R. §1.702

The Applicants respectfully submit that the correct patent term adjustment is <u>479</u> days. This determination is due, in part, to the following:

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  - The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office incorrectly entered the date received of a Terminal Disclaimer as August 5, 2004. The Terminal Disclaimer was received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 5, 2004 a copy of the return postcard with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's stamp is enclosed.
  - 2. Failure of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to Issue the patent within three years from the actual filing date of the Application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.702(b).
    - (ii) Relevant Dates for which an Adjustment is Sought under 37 C.F.R. §1.703(a) through (e)

Action	Date Filed / Mailed	§§1.703(a) -(e) Date	§§1.703(a)-(e) Period	Days Added to PTA
Application Filing Date	2/25/2002		Fourteen Months from	
		04/25/2003	Filing Date	
First Action Under 35 USC 132 (Office Action)	10/09/2003	,		167
Response to Office Action	11/10/2003			-
Office Action	2/25/2004			
Response to Office Action and Terminal Disclaimer	04/05/2004	,		
Notice of Allowance	01/04/2005			152
		02/25/2005	Three years from filing date	
Issue Fee Paid	04/04/2005			
Patent Issues	08/04/2005			160
TOTAL DAYS ADDED TO PATENT TERM				479

Assuming the Issue Fee is paid on the day that is three months from the mailing of the Notice of Allowance and Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b), April 4, 2005, and the patent issues not later than four months after the date on which the issue fee was paid (August 4, 2005) and all outstanding requirements were satisfied, the number of days added for the calculation of the patent term adjustment will be 479 days.

### (iii) Terminal Disclaimer

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This application is a Continuation-in-Part and only the material from US Patent Nos.: 6,416,690 B1 and 6,570,714 B2 is subject to a terminal disclaimer.

(iv) Failure to Engage in Reasonable Efforts to Conclude Processing or Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.704

Applicants have Engaged in Reasonable Efforts to Conclude Processing or Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.704 and no delays were caused due to applicants.

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## **CONCLUSION**

The Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the patent term adjustment of 197 days indicated on the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 1.54(b) to 479 days, as discussed above.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$200.00 for filing an Application for Patent Term Adjustment as set forth in § 1.18(e), and any other fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

Respectfully submitted

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